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WASTED LIVES ✓

Photoplay in 6 reels ✓

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✓ Adaptation by Maude P. Helso ✓

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To Bob Carlton, Life had never been more promising. Every hour, minute, second while a seeming eternity brought him nearer to that day of days....his wedding. While it is true that Grace had not definitely agreed, it was thoroughly understood, he had the wedding ring, the cozy little nest was furnished and she had promised to drop in after working hours that evening, when he intended to surprise her.

He was telling his sister "Tommy" all his plans and had shown her the ring also gave her another delight by presenting her with a shimmering satin dress, slippers and a hat to match. Tommy, whose real name was Mary had been his pal since the death of their parents and despite her hoydenish propensities and dislike of things and garb feminine, possessed a tender sweet wistfulness and womanly modesty that was all appealing.

After the modest evening meal Tommy is washing dishes in the kitchenette when Grace, Bob's fiancée arrives. She seems a trifle distant and while she admires the ring and allows him to place it on her finger fails to tell him what had taken place in her office that afternoon. She had given Mr. Clayton, her employer notice of her intention to leave at the end of the month, when he confessed that he loved her and had intended to make her his wife.

Grace leaves very shortly pleading a hard day and a slight indisposition. Bob seems to sense something but makes no comment on her attitude. Shortly afterward Tommy looking out of the window sees a gang of hoodlums playing ball in an adjoining lot. A batted ball comes her

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way and she runs to pick it up. In her excitement she fails to realize that she holds a dish in her hand and instead of throwing the ball, hurls the dish with deadly aim to one of the players, cutting his head.

He rushes up to the girl and ignoring her apology, strikes her to the ground. Bob sees the incident and rushes out and battles with the ruffian and is beating him when another of the gang rushes up and strikes Bob over the head with a ball, bat, knocking him unconscious.

An ambulance is summoned and Bob is taken to the hospital. His first return to consciousness finds Tommy at his side and he calls for Grace. She rushes over to the home of Grace and sees her leaving in company with Mr. Clayton. Tommy returns to the hospital but tells Bob that she has not told Grace, as she realizes that Grace does not love her brother.

Bob's condition rapidly grows worse and at the conclusion of a meeting with Grace at which time she tells him of her marriage to Clayton, He tells her to return his ring to Tommy and sinks into a coma of death.

During Bob's illness, Tommy has made the acquaintance of Harold ~~Clayton~~ <sup>Grayson</sup>, a former sweetheart of Grace and now a neighbor of Tommy. Being left alone in the house she misses Bob's companionship and finally contrives to meet the likeable Grayson. She is invited to a party given by Grayson's sister and her suit of overalls and uncultured manner shock the guests. When they start to make fun of her she loses her temper and in a mad fury breaks up the affair.

Grace has neglected to tell Tommy of the ring incident and furthermore does not return it.

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The next scene finds Tommy being ejected from the little home and she finally takes a shack in the mountains and ekes out a living by making rustic furniture.

About this time, Grace who ~~was~~ never lost her interest in young Grayson meets Tommy and conveys the idea to Tommy that Grayson and she are married. Grayson in the meantime has been trying to trace Tommy and Grace inviegles him into attending a Mah Jhong party at her home by promising that she will have Tommy present.

To protect herself against Tommy being there she tells her that she would invite her to the party but for the fact that Mr. Grayson had expressed a decided wish not to see Tommy.

On the day of the party, Tommy decides to attend that she may secure the ring which Grace is not entitled to. She arrays herself in the new garments intended for wear at the wedding of Bob and Grace and in the midst of a tete a tete between MrsClayton and young Grayson, rushes in and snatches the ring from her finger.

She dashes from the house and <sup>Grayson</sup> ~~Tommy~~ follows her. A chase follows and in the mountains to escape Grayson she dives from the top of a steep mountain into the turbid waters below. Grayson promptly follows, <sup>Grayson</sup> ~~Tommy~~ rescues her and carries her to her shack. She refuses to believe ~~Tommy~~ when he tells her that he is not and never ~~had~~ been married to Grace.

In the meantime, things have reached a crisis in the business



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affairs of John Clayton. An unfortunate turn of the stock market finds him facing bankruptcy. Bankers are calling for securities and his only hope is in getting them before closing hours. He dashes in a limousine to his home and finding Grace, tells her that he must see her at once. She tells him that it is impossible to leave her guests.

He insists however and in an ante room he tells her that he must have her jewels for security. She refuses absolutely and he rushes to the wall safe only to find it empty. He then realizes that Grace has only wed him for material gain and while sitting disconsolate Grace leaves the house taking the jewels with her.

Outside a couple of crooks have been watching the richly jewelled guests and seeing the incident occurring between Clayton and his wife, follow her escape in a fast motor car. At a lonely part of the road they cut off her escape and steal the jewels from her. In the fight she is wounded.

Realizing that she is dying she determines to do some good before she dies. She makes her way to the shack of Tommy and as she falls across the bed tells her the story of her perfidy.

She has made peace with her maker.

In the days that follow Tommy learns that there is another Springtime of Love and Happiness....

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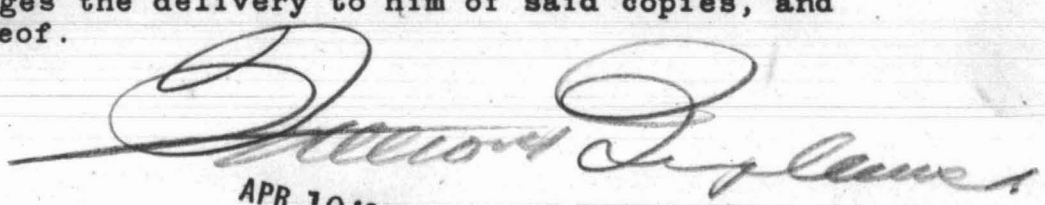
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